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Our Case No. 11320-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BRENNAN et al.)
Serial No. 09/458,580)
Filing Date: December 9, 1999)
For: "COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR)
REGULATION OF BODY WEIGHT)
AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS")

Examiner: ZITOMER, STEPHANIE W.

Group Art Unit No.: 1634

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 26, 2003 (Paper No. 22) ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response ("Amendment") and request reconsideration of the pending claims. Applicants believe the present Amendment to be timely filed

with a TWO MONTH (2) EXTENSION OF TIME. If the Office disagrees, Applicants authorize any additional fees required for Extensions of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to render the present Amendment and Response timely filed to be taken from Deposit Account No. 23-1925.